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TRYING TO PLACATE JAPS, ROOSEVELT HITS CHINESE

**Pacific Coast Orientals
Raise Complaint of
Discrimination.**

SEND IN A MEMORIAL

**President Holds Conference
and is Preparing Another
Statement.**

Sacramento, Feb. 8.—The senate has decided to postpone until Thursday any discussion of the report of the committee on legislative communication advising against anti-Japanese legislation.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—The latest complication in the anti-Japanese controversy is the preparation, according to a morning paper, by local Chinese of a statement complaining that Roosevelt is discriminating against their countrymen in favor of the Japanese. A memorial, drawn by the Chinese Benevolent association of California, will be telegraphed to the president today. The telegram, which will be a lengthy document, embraces all the abridgement of right under which the Chinese claim to be suffering.

Conferring at White House.

Washington, Feb. 8.—President Roosevelt summoned Senator Flint and Representative Kahn to the White house today and with Secretary of State Bacon and Assistant Secretary O'Laughlin another conference was held on the Japanese situation in California. Another statement or some radical action is expected tomorrow.

Promises Statement.
At the conclusion of the conference the Californians declared their mouths had been closed by the president, who asked them to say nothing, as he intended to make a public statement tomorrow. State department officials also declared they could not talk. The conference was followed by another conference between the president and Secretaries Newberry and Wright, at the conclusion of which a direct and unequivocal statement was made by both secretaries that the name of Japan or California had not been referred to and that the discussion was an unimportant one.

Arouses Comment.
The fact that the state department was represented in the conference has excited more speculation than any other feature and caused the belief that certain representations had been made by Japan as to how it regards the possible legislation in California. The intimation was conveyed that important messages have been received from Ambassador O'Brien, our representative at Tokio, portraying the feeling there in reply to inquiries along these lines. Secretary Bacon declined to talk.

Must Have Proof.
Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 8.—Positive information that any anti-Japanese legislation will involve the United States in trouble with Japan is all that will prevent the final passage of Representative Grove L. Johnson's Japanese school bill in the assembly next Wednesday. This bill prohibits the attendance of Japanese children in the public schools.

The lower house has taken Speaker Stanton at his word, and awaits enlightenment upon his intimation graye trouble will follow the enactment of the law. If the conversation of the members reflects the sentiment of the assembly, the slightest official intimation that legislation adverse to the interests and welfare of Japanese in this country may cause international complications will be sufficient to kill every anti-Japanese bill. If, however, this official information cannot be produced

CLERGY FIGHTS "SALOME;" AIDS SALE OF SEATS

Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—The forthcoming production of "Salome" at Hammerstein's opera house, with Miss Mary Garden in the title role, has aroused the opposition of the clergy of Philadelphia, several ministerial bodies adopting resolutions of protest today at their regular weekly meetings. The opera will be presented Thursday. The house was sold out five hours after the ticket office opened.

by Stanton, the assembly probably will pass the bill.

Documentary Proof Is Asked.
Arrayed against Governor Gillett, Stanton, and the conservatives, is a strong anti-Japanese force. The postponement of final action on the school bill was an armistice, and back of that action is the determination to pass every anti-Japanese bill if the speaker cannot make good his suggestion that information would be submitted to show the folly of antagonizing Japan. The proponents of the anti-Japanese measures are frank in saying that Stanton must produce documentary proof of the imminence of a conflict between this country and Japan and that nothing else will kill the bills.

That Stanton will produce this proof may be inferred from the remark of Governor Gillett that Japan has served notice upon the United States to the effect that any drastic anti-Japanese legislation would be regarded as a breach of faith.

Militia for Coast Defense.
Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 8.—Governor Gillett has received from the war department at Washington the request that he organize 16 militia companies to be held in reserve for coast defense, according to reliable information obtained today.

Some time ago Adjutant General Lauck was requested by the federal authorities to assign a number of men of the state militia to coast defense, but Lauck declined to do so. It is understood Gillett will begin the organization of the companies at once.

NARROW ESCAPE FOR SHIPS OF WAR

United States Torpedo Boats and Destroyer Buffered Off the Carolina Coast.

Charleston, S. C., Feb. 8.—The torpedo boat destroyer, Worden, arrived late yesterday from Norfolk, after what Lieutenant Richardson, commanding, declared was the roughest trip he had ever taken. The Worden left Hampton Roads Friday morning with the torpedo boats Porter, Shubrick and Stockton, for Charleston, but the first day out a terrific gale was encountered and the Porter was forced to put back. The Stockton made Beaufort, N. C., and the Shubrick put in at Morehead City, but the Worden succeeded in reaching here in safety.

CORTEYOU TO BE GAS CO. PRESIDENT

**No Question as to Future Intention
Entertained in Washington Official
Life.**

Washington, Feb. 8.—It is well understood among prominent officials in Washington Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou has accepted the presidency of the Consolidated Gas company in New York. Cortelyou has declined to either affirm or deny the statement, but there does not seem to be any doubt as to its truth.

ANOTHER COQUELIN IS DEAD

Second Celebrated French Actor Passes Away in a Short Time.
Paris, Feb. 8.—Ernest Alexandre Honore Coquelin, the French actor, known under the name of Coquelin Cadet, died today. He was a brother of Benoit-Constant Coquelin, who died Jan. 27.

Poet's Death Accidental.
Paris, Feb. 8.—M. Catulle Abraham Mendes, the noted French poet, was found dead in a railway tunnel at Saint Germain today. It is believed death was accidental.

BRYAN NOT IN AUTO WRECK

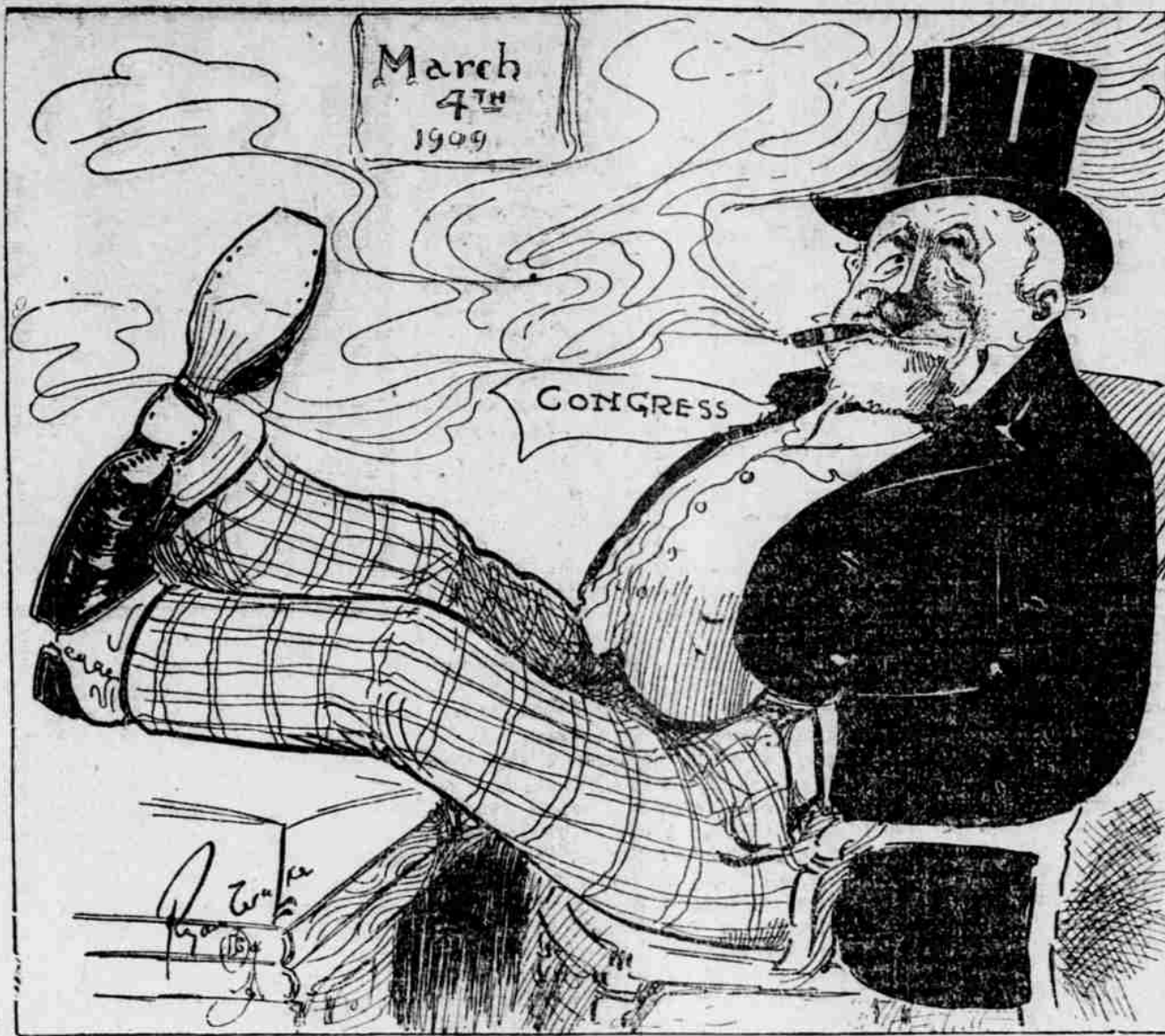
Nebraska at Jacksonville, Fla., in Perfect Health, Delivers Lecture.
Jacksonville, Fla., Feb. 8.—William Jennings Bryan reached Jacksonville yesterday morning from Deland and emphatically denied the story sent out Saturday night regarding the alleged automobile accident near Tarpon Springs, in which it was said he was injured and under treatment in a Tampa hotel.

INDIAN TEACHER ARRESTED

Samuel M. McCowan is Accused of Taking Federal Funds.
Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 8.—Samuel M. McCowan of Degraff, Kan., one of the best known Indian authorities in the country, was arrested here today on an indictment charging him with the embezzlement and misappropriation of federal funds, while superintendent of the Indian school at Chillico, Okla.

England's Rulers to Berlin.
London, Feb. 8.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra left London for Berlin this morning.

WAITING



CONGRESS—I THINK I'LL JUST DO NOTHING FROM NOW UNTIL MARCH 4 EXCEPT DRAW MY SALARY.

STORMS CUT FRISCO OFF FROM THE SOUTHERN PART OF CALIFORNIA

Entire Coast Deluged With Rain and Railway and Telegraph Lines Are Washed Out—Nearly All Roads Are Handicapped.

San Francisco, Feb. 8.—A storm now prevailing over the entire Pacific coast has seriously interfered with railroad and telegraphic communication. Heavy rains have fallen in southern California, causing washouts along railroad lines and carrying away telegraph poles. There has been much snow in the mountains, and should warm weather follow there will be another rise in the rivers.

700 Feet of Track Gone.
Seven hundred feet of the Southern Pacific tracks has been washed away at Oceano and trains are unable to pass that point. In the same county travel is also at a standstill on the Pacific coast railroad and many country roads are impassable.

Lower Port of State Cut Off.
Several serious washouts and landslides between Bakersfield and Los Angeles have occurred, effectually blocking travel on the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railroads. This cuts off the southern part of the state from this city.

Taft Leaves for Home.
Colon, Feb. 8.—President-elect William H. Taft and party left here last evening at 6 o'clock on board the United States cruiser North Carolina, for New Orleans, accompanied by the cruiser Montana.

WILLIAM NELSON CROMWELL HEARD BY THE PANAMA LIBEL GRAND JURY

New York, Feb. 8.—William Nelson Cromwell was a witness before the federal grand jury today in the government's proceedings against the New York World and others in connection with the alleged libelous publication regarding the Panama canal purchase.

Expected to Follow Statement.
It was expected Cromwell's testimony would be on the lines of the statement which he made public Dec. 40 last, in which he declared that neither he nor any one connected with his law firm had any stock in the Panama Canal company; that he was positive no man in public life in America had any pecuniary interest in the canal, and that Douglas Robinson and Charles P. Taft had no connection with Panama canal matters.

WANT ILLINOIS TO GIVE A \$45,000 BUILDING TO STATE OF WASHINGTON

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—The Illinois club of Seattle is planning the most elaborate celebration of Lincoln's birthday in its history, and it is planning at the same time to launch a project to have Illinois represented at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition, which opens in Seattle June 1 as brilliantly as any other state which will take part in the big fair.

SHOULD PAY NO MORE THAN COST

**Citizens' Association of Chicago Claims
Profit of Sheriff for Boarding
Prisoners is Not Legal.**

CONDITIONS THE SAME HERE

**Allowance in Rock Island is 40 Cents
a Day—Kittelsen Explains How
Present System is Operated.**

The Citizens' association in Chicago has instituted steps that are of particular interest in Rock Island county, inasmuch as they aim at the practice whereby the sheriff is given an allowance for feeding prisoners in the county jail, and pockets the difference between the actual cost and the amount allowed by the county board. The association has made public in Chicago a report of an investigation covering many months, in which the statement is made that the county board has absolutely no right to pay more than the actual cost of feeding prisoners, and the sheriff is taking it off his own pocket.

Law Is Quoted.
The Chicago report has the following from the opinion of the supreme court of the state: "The legislature, understanding that it was the duty of the sheriff, under the law, to provide for the prisoners confined in the jail, gave the county board the right of fixing the price, not less than the actual cost, as a matter of protection to the county." The supreme court also held, the report states, that the sheriff was not entitled to receive pay for serving the food, that being a part of his duty as jailer, and compensated by his salary as sheriff.

Sheriff Strassheim of Cook county is allowed 20¢ cents a day for boarding prisoners, and according to the Citizens' association he feeds the prisoners at a cost of about 7 cents a day, and pockets about two-thirds of the amount the county pays.

In Rock Island county the sheriff is allowed 40 cents a day, and this has been the amount that the county has paid for several years. Every man serving a term in jail as punishment for an offense, or in jail awaiting the action of the grand jury, is costing Rock Island county 40 cents a day. What profit a prisoner represents to the sheriff is not known. The sheriff keeps the records as a private account. The sheriff turns over a record of the number of prisoners and the number of days, and the county pays over the 40 cents, just as the Chicago board is criticized for doing. County Clerk H. B. Hubbard was asked

SENATE BOWS TO HOUSE IN MATTER OF TAFT'S AUTOS

about the situation here this morning, and he said: "The county pays 40 cents a day for the boarding of prisoners in the Rock Island county jail. The sheriff receives the 40 cents, and then buys the food and serves it. I do not know, and the county officially does not know, whether the food costs 40 cents or not." Asked if he had seen accounts of the Citizens' association's report, he replied that he had, and said: "I guess the law that they point out applies here just as it does there. But I am of the opinion that

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HIS LAST CHANCE

**Supreme Effort to Break Deadlock to
be Made by Senator Hopkins
Tomorrow.**

SITUATION SEEMS THE SAME

**Deneen Decides to Offer No Opposition
to Resolution for Recount of
State Vote.**

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 8.—(Special.)—Senator Hopkins will make what is believed will be his final and supreme effort to land the toga in the joint session of the Illinois legislature tomorrow. However, there are no surface indications at the present time that the situation has been changed in any manner since the last ballot of last week.

Will Not Oppose.
Governor Deneen's friends have decided to offer no opposition to the resolution for a recount of the vote on governor presented on behalf of General A. E. Stevenson.

The governor has signed the salary bill.

Will Hush Browne Episode.

Chicago, Feb. 8.—The prospect of a legislative investigation into the Browne episode at Springfield when "Florence Miller" attempted to attack the minority leader, became exceedingly remote when republican house leaders declared any move in this direction would be promptly squelched.

The "College Inn" democrats, who by insinuating were implicated in the alleged plot to injure the democratic representative, Lee O'Neil Browne, continued their demands for an inquiry. John J. McLaughlin, leader of the Sullivan men in the minority, departed for Springfield with a resolution in his pocket, which, he declared, he might introduce if Browne failed to ask that the searchlight be thrown on the affair.

PRESIDENT'S CALLER ARRESTED BY GUARDS

**Appointment at White House Interrupted by Policemen, Who Throw
Downeaster Into a Cab.**
Washington, Feb. 8.—A presidential caller, said to be from Connecticut, cautiously inquired of a policeman the way to the White house. As everyone is supposed to know the way to the White house, the bluecoat at once thought the man a crank. To be tactful, however, he replied: "I will show you the way."

At the eastern entrance to the White house a police sergeant was encountered, who bundled the stranger into a cab and conveyed him at high speed to the precinct station house.

When Secretary Loch was consulted by telephone it was found the downeaster had a genuine appointment at the White house, which he was then allowed to keep.

POPE RECEIVES SAILORS

**Unusual Honor Accorded Members of
Crew of Supply Ship Celtic.**
Rome, Feb. 8.—The pope gave a private audience today to 14 under officers and a number of sailors from the American supply ship, Celtic. The pope said he was greatly pleased to receive the American sailors and expressed gratitude for all America had done in aiding Italy after the earthquake disaster.

Lemp Divorce Case On.

St. Louis, Feb. 8.—The divorce suits which Lillian Handlan Lemp and husband, William J. Lemp, Jr., filed against each other came to trial today. Mrs. Lemp was the first witness.

BLANCHE WALSH IS TAKEN SUDDENLY ILL

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 8.—Blanche Walsh, the actress, was brought here today on a special train from Fort Smith, Ark., where she was taken ill Saturday night while filling an engagement, and placed in University hospital.

**Appropriation for \$12,-
000, Subject of a
Fight, Stands.**

NAVAL FACTS SENT IN

**Senate Informed That it Costs
\$110,000 to Keep Battle-
ship a Year.**

Washington, Feb. 8.—In the house today the conference report on the urgent deficiency appropriation bill was agreed to without debate. The bill now goes to the president. The report finally disposed of the item of \$12,000 for automobiles for the White house by authorizing the necessary appropriation.

Costs \$110,000 Per Ship a Year.

Washington, Feb. 8.—Responding to the resolution introduced by Senator Clay, a report was sent to the senate today by Secretary Newberry saying it costs \$110,000 a year to keep a first class battleship in repair and good condition for one year. This figure does not include extraordinary repairs incident to taking the ship out of commission, remodeling or reconstructing it.

Cost of Coal Given.
The cost of coal used on the battleships for the fiscal year 1908 was \$3,164,000. This amount was increased by transportation and storage charges to \$5,545,000.

I. C. FAST TRAIN HITS OPEN SWITCH

**One Killed and Score Injured in Ac-
cident to Northbound
Passenger.**

Coldwater, Miss., Feb. 8.—Train No. 2, known as the "fast mail" on the Illinois Central railroad north bound, was wrecked near here today by running into an open switch. One trainman was killed and a score injured, several probably fatally.

MANY SUSPECTS EXAMINED

**Ottumwa Police Close on Trail of Bur-
derer of Miss Clara Rosen.**

Ottumwa, Iowa, Feb. 8.—The formal charge of murder in the first degree was today filed against Joe Hopkins, colored government meat inspector at the Morrell packing plant, by the chief of police. He is accused of the fiendish murder of Clara Rosen Friday night.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Feb. 8.—The police yesterday examined 10 suspects in an effort to solve the murder of Miss Clara Rosen, whose body was found in a vacant lot near her home Saturday morning. One negro, Joseph Hopkins, who is employed as a government meat inspector at a local packing house, is in jail, having failed to explain his whereabouts at the time of the murder.

Hopkins testified that he left the packing house late in the afternoon and came up town, where he visited three business houses, and then took a street car for his home, which is some distance beyond the scene of the murder.

He stated that he did not leave the house Friday night after arriving home some time before 6 o'clock. The fact, however, that he did not work Saturday is believed by the police to indicate that he desired to conceal something. A search warrant has been issued for the diamond ring and his home will be searched by the police.

WABASH ROAD MAY PAY BONDS, COURT HOLDS

New York, Feb. 8.—Federal Judge Ray today rendered a decision in favor of the Wabash Railroad company in the suit in equity brought against it by James Pollitz, a stockholder, who asked to have the road restrained from carrying out the alleged plan of retiring \$300,000,000 in debenture bonds. Pollitz contended the plan adopted in retiring the bonds issued by the road in 1889 and retired in 1906 was illegal. The court held with the company the plan had been according to equity.